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SUBJECT: CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS

1. US-AUSTRIA CIVAIR CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD IN WASHINGTON MARCH 17-20. AUSDEL REQUESTED THAT BILATERAL AIR TRANSPORT AGREEMENT BE AMENDED TO DELETE ALL INTERMEDIATE AND BEYOND FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS FOR U.S., EXCEPT FOR BEYOND TO TEHRAN AND BEYOND. USDEL SAID IT COULD NOT AGREE TO AMEND AGREEMENT, BUT WILLING DISCUSS ANY PRACTICAL DIFFICULTIES WHICH AUA MIGHT HAVE AS RESULT TWA'S SERVICE. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, DELEGATIONS SIGNED MEMORANDUM OF CONSULTATIONS, FULL TEXT OF WHICH IN SEPTEL.

2. WITHIN HOURS OF LAST MEETING AT WHICH MEMO SIGNED WITH GESTURES GOOD WILL ON BOTH SIDES, TWA LEARNED THAT AUSTRIA HAS ISSUED LICENSE FOR SERVICES IN QUESTION, BUT WITHOUT FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS ZURICH-VIENNA AND GENEVA-VIENNA. EXCLUSION OF ZURICH-VIENNA FIFTH FREEDOM RIGHTS IS CONTRARY TO AGREEMENT REACHED BETWEEN DELEGATIONS. ALSO, BECAUSE THE LIMITATION ON GENEVA-VIENNA IS SELF-IMPOSED, WE WOULD REGARD A RESTRICTION IMPOSED BY AUSTRIA AS CONTRARY TO THE

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MEMO AND, OF COURSE, CONTRARY TO THE BILATERAL AGREEMENT.

AUSDEL CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD NATURE OF ACCORD REACHED, AND
IN FACT REFERRED TO IT AS A GENTLEMEN'S AGREEMENT.

3. WHILE WE ASSUME TERMS OF LICENSE ARE AN ADMINISTRATIVE
ERROR, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES EMBASSY SHOULD PROMPTLY INQUIRE
WHEN ERROR WILL BE RECTIFIED AND, IF IT TURNS OUT
ACTION WAS DELIBERATE, REGISTER STRONG PROTEST. SUGGEST
FULL COORDINATION WITH LOCAL TWA REP.

4. EFFORTS REACH AUSDEL BEFORE ITS DEPARTURE HAVE BEEN
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